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1. The 1955 budget of the Postal and Telecommunications Ministry calls for an outlay of 42,410,000 DME for telecommunication engineering projects. Of this sum, 38,940,000 DME had been earmarked for specific projects by late February. Projects for the remaining sum of 3,470,000 DME were to be made by 31 March 1955. The Designs Bureau of the German postal administration was unable, however, to complete the designs by the date fixed. By late February, the investment plan was fulfilled 10.4% by late March 18.4%. A sum of 260,000 DME had been spent on the construction of a switchboard serving the Leipzig Fairs. The switchboard was designed as an automatic exchange with 700 connections.

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3. On 9 February 1955, Kurt Gebhardt, Representative of the Ministry for Telecommunications, and Gerhard Gradecki, Chief of the Radio and Television Department, went to Warsaw where a two-day conference began on 10 February. The conference was probably concerned with radio and television problems. On 16 February, a delegation consisting of Gebhardt, Egon Zirzow, Chief of the Main Administration for Telecommunications, and Gradecki were to travel to a conference in Prague.
4. According to an engineer of the RFT-Fernmeldeanlagebau (Telecommunications Engineering Plant) in East Berlin, the telecommunications engineering plant in Arnstadt had received an order to furnish a telephone exchange with 300 connection units for North Korea. The exchange was to be delivered by October 1955.

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5. Construction work on the new telephone exchange in Jena was being done by Bau-Union Jena. In March, the framework of three stories was completed. The building, which is located next to the Main Post Office in Jena, is a brick structure 50 meters square.
6. According to a member of the GDR Postal and Telecommunications Ministry, a four-hour talk took part at the postal headquarters in East Berlin between Kurt Gebhardt, Deputy Telecommunications Minister of the GDR, and Alois Neumann, Czech Minister of Communications. A KVP colonel and a lieutenant colonel also participated in this talk, on which details were not available.

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